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In re Application of:  
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Filed: 5 March 2001

Art Unit:

For: *New & Improved Railroad  
Tie & Method for Making  
Same*

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NON-PROVISIONAL)**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply (Non-Provisional) mailed 8 November 2001, please find the following:

- A Copy of the Notice of Incomplete Reply, filing date granted (Part 2); and
- Ten (10) Pages of Formal Drawings, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants respectfully request a one (1) month Extension of Time for reply to the Notice of Incomplete Reply, dated 8 November 2001..

A check in the amount of \$260.00 is enclosed for the Extension of Time, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any over payment in connection with this Response to USPTO deposit account number 13-2166.

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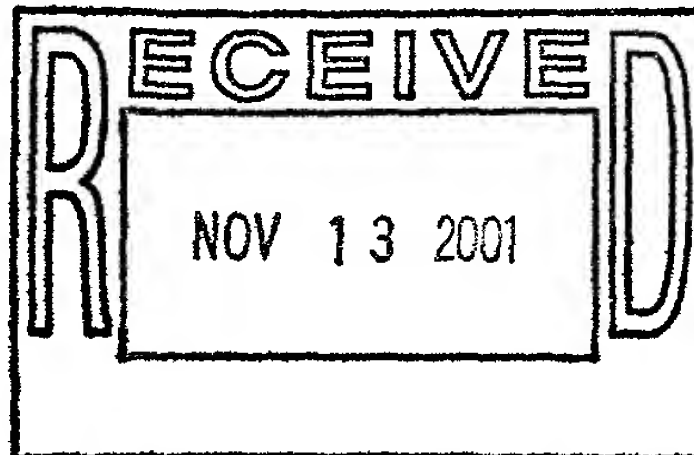


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## NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

### Filing Date Granted

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 10/12/2001 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 04/13/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

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